

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Application of:
Willis et al.

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For: A Method for Detecting and
Amplifying Target DNA

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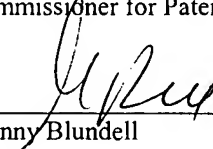
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed May 21, 2007, in connection with the above application. A precautionary Notice of Appeal and Petition for a three month extension of time are filed concurrently herewith

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.